

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Divine Worship. 9:30am

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TRINITY TWELVE

September 8, 2019

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Psalm: 139 (Pg. 154)

Prayers: 2 (Pg. 102); **35** (Pg. 105).

Organist: Mr. Walter Priebe

HYMNS: 243 416 417:1-4 417:5-7

PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 243 - "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

(TLH Pg.5ff.)

The Invocation... The Confession of Sins... Absolution, -- "Amen."

The Introit... The Gloria Patri (Pg. 6) ...The Kyrie (Pg. 7).

**God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast
done; Thou'rt justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest
good.**

**If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can
cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death, That is the firmest ground
of faith.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

The Salutation (Pg. 9) ...The Collect -- "Amen."

IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN?

This seems a truly silly question to post in the bulletin this morning, since we believe and confess the words of Jesus, who declared (John 14:6): "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Moreover, the Apostle Peter was inspired by the Holy Spirit to say of Him (Acts 4:12): "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." This past month the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) assembled their churchwide assembly and presented their 'inter-religious commitment.' In it they stated essentially since they could not know people's hearts and could not know the inner workings of God, Jesus was not the only way to be saved. One lay delegate objected and brought a resolution to strike the last sentence based on John 14:6. The resolution was voted down and the declaration accepted with 98% of the votes. 98%. If that is representative of the church body, what does that say about the ELCA?

CLC CALL NEWS

Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO has called Pastor Mike Wilke, who currently serves Gethsemane in Saginaw, MI • Pastor Del Maas has returned the call of Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA. • Bethel Evangelical Lutheran in Morris, MN, has called Pastor Frank Gantt, who currently serves Zion in Lawrenceville, GA (Atlanta).

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2019

*The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Calvary to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The amount given to 'Missions' on your church envelope goes to this pledge. In the event that our offerings fall short of our pledge, the difference will be taken from the Calvary General Fund. In the event that our offerings exceed our pledge, additional funds will be placed in the General Fund.***

Amount Pledged 2019	Amount Received as of 8/11/19
\$7000.00	\$7000.00

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – Calvary Offerings 9/01/19

General Fund	Loose Offerings	ILC Building	ILC Student Aid	
\$1150.00	\$152.00	\$50.00	\$200.00	
Offerings Total: \$1552.00				

CLCI SEMINARY STUDENT SPONSORSHIP - \$40/MO

<u>JANUARY GOAL</u>	<u>RECEIVED 9/1</u>	<u>JANUARY GOAL</u>
\$15.00	\$0	\$15.00

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READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS; SEPTEMBER 9-14, 2019

Monday - Deuteronomy 30:11-20 From time to time we need God's tough love; for example, the Hebrews were standing on the edge of a cliff, and one mis-step would be their last. God had warned them over and over (Chapters 27, 28, 29), so why repeat it again? Because in their misguided self-confidence they had regularly fallen short. So, God laid it on the line: He had blessings for them if they would stick close to Him, but they would lose these blessings if they turned their back on Him, their Creator and Redeemer.

Tuesday - Matthew 19:1-12 The religious egoists challenged: "What's your stance on divorce?" Jesus redirected them to God's stance on marriage: one male and one female as partners for life (4-6). Besides, it's not the Mosaic Law that failed, but humans who failed, for which God made allowances (7-9). Another viable alternative to marriage (and failing at it) is to stay single (10-12).

Wednesday - Romans 9:30-10:8 Gospel-oriented as we are, we know that trying to get right with God by route of being decent and law-abiding is a lost cause (10:5). God's way is better, taking salvation out of sinful hands via Jesus coming down from heaven (6), dying and rising again (7). Jesus went the whole route, and He did it successfully. We trust God's judgment on this!

Thursday - Psalm 70 Gospel-oriented folks depend on God to stifle their inner confusion and shame (2-3); they seek God because they depend on His good-heartedness (4); they give up on themselves, but they don't give up on God; they remind themselves of their poverty and discredits; they keep on calling on God to stay on their case (5). To all of which we say "Amen!"

Friday - John 10:40-42 Pressured by unbelievers, Jesus retreated to a place where He could find folks (40-41) who were ready and willing to credit God's work on their hearts via. They beheld the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the whole world, themselves included. They had become convinced that John the Baptizer had spoken the truth about Jesus, and they admitted it. No doubt about it, they were gospel/Jesus oriented. Praise God!

Saturday - Romans 10:6-11 strengthens us in being gospel oriented. We understand that our salvation is a done-deal, for Jesus has successfully gone through the entire process of procuring our salvation, once and for all. So there's no need to put Jesus through the process all over again; no need to call Him down from heaven again, put Him through all that hellish suffering again, re-consign Him to the grave and resurrect Him all over again. Our salvation is finished; depend on it! Admit it to yourself, don't be embarrassed about being God's adopted child, and let others in on the good news (9-10). Amen.



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Trinity Twelve..... September 8, 2019

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Confirmation Class 3pm

Wednesday: Choir Practice 6pm; Bible Class 7pm.

Thursday: Ladies of Calvary 7pm

Sunday: Worship 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am; Bible Class 10:55am

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class resumes this Tuesday September 10th at 3pm!

CHOIR PRACTICE/WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Calvary Church Choir (made up of any member who wishes to sing) will meet this Wednesday at 6pm. Wednesday Evening Bible Study resumes this Wednesday at 7pm. We will conclude our study of the Old Testament Prophets and decide what to cover in the next weeks leading up to Advent.

LADIES OF CALVARY

The Ladies of Calvary will meet this Thursday September 12th at 7pm in the Pastor's Office.

KINSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

As overseas mission opportunities continue to grow, so does the need for U.S. sponsors. Can you help? The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors for a group called "Myanmar Children's Assistance" as well as seminary students at the new Wartburg Theological Seminary of Tanzania. Please contact Dan Roehl (507-381-2042) or danroehl@hotmail.com) for more information regarding these sponsorships.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLAN 2019

The Lord Jesus has truly blessed us and the Spirit of God enabled us to give to complete our Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge. This means that those monies that are given into the Missions/CBP Fund for the remainder of the year will be placed into the General Fund.** Now, just because we have been blessed, that doesn't mean we should stop expressing our thanks to God in this manner.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2019

This year's Harvest Festival is scheduled for Sunday September 29th. Keep your eye on the back table for a signup sheet for our potluck meal.

GREAT LAKES PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Pastors of the Great Lakes Conference of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin) will be gathering at Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI on Tuesday-Thursday, September 24-26. Pastor Schaller will be attending the GLPC and serving as the Chaplain. Since Pastor cannot be in two places at once, there will be NO Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Wednesday September 25th.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

JEREMIAH 23:23-29

²³ "Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off?"

²⁴ Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD.

²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal.

²⁸ "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD. ²⁹ "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces? *

EPISTLE LESSON:

HEBREWS 12:1-13

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. ⁴ You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. ⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

*"My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD,
Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;*

⁶ *For whom the LORD loves He chastens,
And scourges every son whom He receives."*

⁷ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸ But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. ⁹ Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

¹¹ Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be *dis*located, but rather be healed. *

THE GRADUAL -- (A Prayer for the Sunday read responsively)

Pastor: I will praise the LORD at all times

Congregation: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Hallelujah!

P: My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;

C: The humble will hear of it and rejoice. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Sing aloud to God our strength;

C: Make a joyful noise unto the LORD! Hallelujah!

(Sung) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

"Glory be to Thee, O Lord!"

GOSPEL LESSON:

LUKE 12:49-53

⁴⁹ "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do *you* suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. ⁵³ Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." *

"Praise be to Thee, O Christ!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED (PG. 12)

HYMN: 416 – "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

SERMON:

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, ¹⁰ and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, ¹¹ where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.*

WANTED DEAD...NOT ALIVE!

Earthly members...that could hurt our relationship with God.

Earthly Attitudes...hurt our relationship with one another.

Earthly Divisions...drawn by sinful attitudes.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN:

(TLH 442:1-2)

Lord of Glory, who hast bought us With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that hast freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Thine own unsparing hand;
Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYER(S)...THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: 417:1-4 – "How Can I Thank Thee, Lord"

THE COLLECT: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen."

THE BENEDICTION: Pastor

CONGREGATION: (Sung) "Amen, Amen, Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 417:5-7 – "How Can I Thank Thee, Lord"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8, 2019

THIS MORNING:

10:45am: Sunday School Opening

10:55am: Sunday Bible Class